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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**

Lothar Steidler

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**For:** SELF-CONTAINING  
LACTOCOCCUS STRAIN

**Examiner:** E. Slobodyansky

**Group Art Unit:** 1652

**Attorney Docket No.:** 2676-6096US

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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed June 6, 2006, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

**Amendments to the claims** are set forth in the listing of the claims that begins on page 2 of this paper;

**Remarks** start at page 7 of this paper.

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**FEE TRANSMITTAL  
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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee(\$)	Fee(\$)	Small Entity Fee(\$)	Fee(\$)	Small Entity Fee(\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	_____
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	_____
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	_____
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	_____
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	_____

**2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES****Fee Description**

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

Multiple dependent claims

**Small Entity****Fee (\$)****Fee (\$)**

50 25

200 100

360 180

**Total Claims****Extra Claims****Fee(\$)****Fee Paid (\$)**

30 -20 or HP= 10 x 25 = 250.00

**Multiple Dependent Claims****Fee (\$)****Fee Paid (\$)**

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

**Indep. Claims****Extra Claims****Fee(\$)****Fee Paid (\$)**

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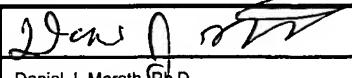
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